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Serial No.: 09/446,523

Patent Art Unit: 1723

Filed: December 28, 1999

Examiner: M. Ocampo

For: FILTER ELEMENT WITH PLASTIC FILTER CASING

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- Applicant(s) petition(s) for an extension of one (2) month to respond and submits herewith the fee of \$400.00.
- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 18-2220 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
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- Any additional excess claim fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the March 15, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In The Claims

Amend claim 10 to read as follows.

10. (Amended) A filter element, comprising:
a fluid-permeable supporting pipe;
a resilient mat filter folded into a cylindrical shape and pushed open on said supporting pipe
to surround and engage said supporting pipe;
a plastic filter casing with openings enclosing said mat filter and delimiting a filter chamber,
said filter casing being formed from a flat blank with opposite ends thereof bent toward one another